

Child Abuse Prevention Program Advisory Committee (CAPPAC)

Purpose of the CAPPAC

The role of the CAPPAC is to assist the Department in the planning and implementation of the Iowa Child Abuse Prevention Program (ICAPP), the Iowa Department of Human Services' (IDHS) foremost approach to the prevention of child maltreatment. The duties of the advisory committee, as outlined in Iowa Code §217.3A, include all of the following:

- Advise the director of human services and the administrator of the division of the department of human services responsible for child and family programs regarding expenditures of funds received for the child abuse prevention program.
- Review the implementation and effectiveness of legislation and administrative rules concerning the child abuse prevention program.
- Recommend changes in legislation and administrative rules to the general assembly and the appropriate administrative officials.
- Require reports from state agencies and other entities as necessary to perform its duties.
- Receive and review complaints from the public concerning the operation and management of the child abuse prevention program.
- Approve grant proposals.

ICAPP Program Overview

For State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2019-2020, 40 Community-Based Organizations or "Councils", serving 56 of Iowa's 99 counties, were awarded a total of 56 unique service contracts under ICAPP. For the first time, the procurement of services under ICAPP was combined with the procurement of services under the federal CBCAP (Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention) grant. Previously these two funding opportunities were implemented separately. The merger will help to maximize funding and reduce duplication.

Services funded under the program are especially geared toward families with one or more risk factors for abuse, such as young parents, families at or near poverty, families parenting a child with a disability, families with young children (0-5 years), and families with a history of abuse/neglect, mental illness, substance abuse, or domestic violence. Funds were awarded through local Councils for the following types of services:

- Community Development—public awareness and community needs assessments
- Home Visitation Services—voluntary evidence-based home-visiting models
- Parent Development—parent support, education, and leadership
- Crisis Care Services—short term child care services for families in crisis situations
- Sexual Abuse Prevention—healthy sexual development, and adult/child focused instruction

The CAPPAC reviewed all proposal scores, along with comments provided by an independent team of evaluators, before making the final award recommendations to the IDHS Adult, Child and Family Services (ACFS) Administrator.

Future ICAPP Direction

IDHS and the ICAPP Administrator (PCA Iowa) continue to encourage the establishment and expansion of services that rely on evidence-based and evidence-informed best practices in the prevention of child maltreatment. The program has partnered with the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) to use the Family Support Statewide Database (FSSD). Data gathered indicates measurable increases in protective factors in follow-up surveys of participants, particularly with one or more identified risk factors. The CAPPAC plays an important role in helping Iowa continue on this path of outcome-informed practice.

CAPPAC Current Membership and Contact Information

Representative	Name	Agency/Email Address	Current Term Expires
Member	Laura Abbe	Mid-Iowa Community Action laura.abbe@micaonline.org	12/31/2019
Member	Lisa Bellows	Mid-Iowa Family Therapy Clinic lisa.bellows@mifftc.com	12/31/2020 (2 nd Term)
Member/Chair	LaTasha DeLoach	Iowa City Senior Center latasha-deloch@iowa-city.org	12/31/2020 (2 nd Term)
Member	Jill Hesse	Tipton Community Schools jill.hesse18@gmail.com	12/31/2019
Member	Mark Lyman	Mental Health Institute of Independence mlyman@dhs.state.ia.us	12/31/2019
Member	Kim Scorza	Seasons Center kscorza@seasonscenter.org	12/31/2019
Member/ Vice-chair	Nancy Wells	Iowa Chapter of Children's Advocacy Centers (Retired) nwellsiccac@gmail.com	12/31/2020 (2 nd Term)
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**Appointments confirmed by Council on Human Services, 12/14/16*

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